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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES

WE ARE GIVING LOW KEY SUPPORT TO THE IDEA THAT THE RIGHT AND LEFT GET TOGETHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO REACH UNANIMITY ON A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF STATURE. IN FIRST INSTANCE THIS WOULD MEAN SEEING IF THEY COULD AGREE EITHER ON SARKIS OR EDDE. IN SECOND INSTANCE IT WOULD MEAN FINDING A SUITABLE MAN NOT SUBSERVIENT TO EITHER SIDE.

2. JOSEPH SKAFF, CHRISTIAN DEPUTY FROM THE BEKAA, WHO HEADS AN INDEPENDENT GROUP OF DEPUTIES, INFORMS US THAT HE IS SEEING THE PATRIARCH FOR THIS PURPOSE. (THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN PATRIARCH TO MOVE IN DIRECTION WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HE INTENDS TO MOVE.)

3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT SARKIS SAW JUMBLATT YESTERDAY AND WE KNOW THAT JUMBLATT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PATRIARCH BY TELEPHONE ALTHOUGH SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION IS NOT KNOWN.
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